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MEMORANDUM

TO: Associate Directors

FROM: Charles Louis Kincannon
Director

RE: Analytical Research Policy

United States Code Title 13 Chapter 5 directs the Census Bureau to carry out censuses and surveys of the U.S. population and economy. Ensuring that resulting data meet the highest standards of quality and utility requires significant supporting analytical research, including research by Special Sworn Status researchers participating in the Census Research Data Center program. The importance of this research will only increase, as the data needs of public and private decision makers grow broader and more complex. Such research will also help the Census Bureau meet the Office of Management and Budget's "Standards and Guidelines for Statistical Surveys" (*Federal Register* September 22, 2006, pp. 55522-55523).

Accordingly, and to continue fulfilling its mandate at the highest level of technical excellence, it is the policy of the Census Bureau to undertake analytical research for authorized purposes, to the fullest possible extent.

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